



Family Orientation

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Friday, August 31

- 11:30 a.m. - **Lunch for new students and families**
1:30 p.m. **Chase/Duckett, Cushing/Emerson, Cutter/Ziskind, King/Scales, Lamont, Northup/Gillett, Morrow/Wilson, and Tyler house dining rooms**
We welcome new students and families to join us! Lunch will be served buffet style, so feel free to come at any point during this time.
- 11:30 a.m. **Walking tour of the campus**
Admission Office
Departing from the admission office, these tours will end at the Campus Center.
- 1 p.m. **Welcome to Smith's Global Community: President's Panel 2018**
John M. Greene Hall
All entering students and their families are invited to the President's first community address of the academic year. Speakers and guests include:
- Kathleen McCartney, President of the College
 - Susan Etheredge, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College
 - Amanda Huntleigh, Music Department
 - Jerry Noble, Lecturer, Music Department
 - Brianna (Bri) Barrett '19, SGA President
- 1:30 p.m. - **Welcome Reception**
2:30 p.m. **Chapin Lawn** (Rain location: Campus Center)
Meet Your Faculty, Staff, and Administrators
New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, administration, returning students, and each other.
- 2:30 p.m. - **Meet the Campus Life Staff**
3:30 p.m. **Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall**
Discuss the joys and anxieties of sending your student to college. Join members of the Campus Life team and others for a lively discussion of what to expect, based on your questions.
- 3:45 p.m. - **Family orientation sessions**
4:30 p.m. **as listed below – please choose one**
Student Financial Services 101 – Student Financial Services
Seelye 101
Meet with staff from Student Financial Services to discuss your student's money management, campus employment, the billing process, and financial aid.
- Working Together for a Safe Community***
Seelye 110
Staff members from the Office of Campus Police will present on the role Campus Police plays on campus. The discussion will focus on campus safety, emergency messaging, campus crime prevention and changes that have been made in campus safety in response to recent national

events. The Campus Police staff welcomes your questions and will provide ample opportunity for discussion.

FERPA, Communication, and Confidentiality – What can we talk about?

Seelye 106

The Dean of Students, Registrar’s Office and Medical/Counseling Services will be happy to answer questions about how to navigate Smith's policies regarding information sharing. We'll also talk about the importance of our partnership and the parameters of communication between administrators and your student.

Better than Google: The Smith College Libraries

Josten Library Mezzanine

When your student asks for your help researching a paper, just send them to us! Learn how Smith’s librarians and archivists guide students to print and online scholarly resources and provide individual help on request. Ask questions and then accompany a library staff member on a tour of one of the libraries or special collections.

How to (Begin to) Retire High School Perfectionism & Cultivate (Healthy) Risk Taking & Resilience in Your Student

Weinstein Auditorium

Rachel Simmons, Leadership Development Specialist, will talk with you about how to help your student transition from the life of trying to get into college to one of learner and grower in college.

ASSETS information session

Stoddard Auditorium

Jane Stangl, Dean of the first-year class, and Laura Rauscher, Director of Disability Services, will help students understand the services available to them for physical and learning disabilities as well as ADHD, mental health issues, and other conditions. Parents will discover how to enhance their children’s success in the Smith learning environment. This session will cover academic requirements, social expectations, Smith’s academic support services and residential program, disability services and accommodations at Smith, requirements for disability documentation, and students’ rights and responsibilities

4:45 p.m.-
5:30 p.m.

Your College Transition Toolkit: Everything You Need to Know to Help Your New Student Thrive

Weinstein Auditorium

Associate Dean of the College/Dean of Students Julie Ohotnicky and Leadership Development Specialist Rachel Simmons will talk about your student’s new life as a college student and what this means for you as a parent/guardian.

5:30

Free time/Family time

5:30-
7:00 p.m.

Dinner for residential board-paying students and families

Open dining rooms

Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

7 p.m.

PARENTS AND FAMILIES DEPART

Fall 2018

Friday, August 31

[Central check-in](#) for new students

Friday, August 31–Wednesday, September 5: [Orientation](#)

The week before the start of classes, new students gather to learn about the college and get to know each other.

Tuesday, September 4 and Wednesday, September 5, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Key pick-up (Clark Hall) and move-in for returning students

Wednesday, September 5

Opening convocation, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 6

Classes begin at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, September 12

Last day to add a course online

Wednesday, September 19

Last day to drop a course online; last day to add a Five College course

Wednesday, September 26

Last day to add a Smith course

To be announced by the president: [Mountain Day](#)

Mountain Day is a surprise break from classes. The president chooses a beautiful fall day and announces the holiday by ringing the college bells. *Classes scheduled before 7 p.m. are canceled.*

Saturday, October 6–Tuesday, October 9

Autumn recess

TBA: [Sherrerd Teaching Prize Ceremony](#)

The Sherrerd Prize for Distinguished Teaching is given annually to Smith faculty members selected for their distinguished teaching records and demonstrated enthusiasm and excellence.

Friday, October 26–Sunday, October 28: [Family Weekend](#)

Students and their families are invited to attend concerts, lectures and panel discussions as well as athletic and social events.

Thursday, November 1: [Otelia Cromwell Day](#)

Otelia Cromwell Day is an annual slate of

workshops, lectures, films and entertainment held to honor Smith's first African American graduate. *Afternoon and evening classes are canceled.*

Monday, November 5–Friday, November 16

Advising and course registration for the spring 2019 semester

Wednesday, November 21–Sunday, November 25

Thanksgiving recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on November 21 and open at 1 p.m. on November 25)

Thursday, December 13

Last day of classes

Friday, December 14–Monday, December 17

Pre-examination study period

Tuesday, December 18–Friday, December 21

Final examinations

Saturday, December 22, 2018–Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Winter recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on December 22 and open at 1 p.m. on January 2)

Tuesday, January 8

Fall 2018 grades due

Interterm 2019

Thursday, January 3–Wednesday, January 23

During January interterm, the college is open, but residence is not required. Interterm provides time for students to investigate a special area of interest; to participate in courses, activities and conferences at Smith and other area colleges; to do work in libraries, museums, laboratories, etc.; to participate in internships; to work on research projects; or to enjoy the facilities of the campus at a more leisurely pace. No classes are held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21.

Houses open for returning students at 1 p.m. on January 2. Students returning from study abroad/away, readmitted students and transfers for the spring semester may move in Monday, January 21; keys may be picked up at Clark Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring 2019

Thursday, January 24

Classes begin at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, January 30

Last day to add a course online

Wednesday, February 6

Last day to drop a course online; last day to add a Five College course

Wednesday, February 13

Last day to add a Smith course

Wednesday, February 20: [Rally Day](#)

Rally Day is highlighted by an all-college convocation at which distinguished alumnae are awarded the Smith College Medal, with a reception to follow. *Afternoon classes are canceled.*

Saturday, March 9–Sunday, March 17

Spring recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on March 9 and open at 1 p.m. on March 17)

Monday, April 1–Friday, April 12

Advising and course registration for the fall 2019 semester

TBA: [Celebrating Collaborations](#)

Celebrating Collaborations is Smith's annual showcase of student research and performance, highlighting the collaborative efforts of students and faculty.

Thursday, May 2

Last day of classes; Wednesday afternoon classes meet

Friday, May 3–Monday, May 6

Pre-examination study period

Tuesday, May 7–Friday, May 10

Final examinations

Saturday, May 11

Houses close at 10 a.m. for all students except graduates, Commencement workers and those with Five College finals after May 11.

Monday, May 13

Senior grades due

Sunday, May 19: [Commencement](#)

Commencement Weekend is Smith's final chance to honor its graduating seniors and to observe such traditions as Ivy Day and Illumination Night. The weekend culminates on Sunday when families, friends and seniors gather for the awarding of diplomas.

Monday, May 20

All houses close at noon

Monday, May 20

Non-senior grades due